

AMENDMENT TO H.R.
OFFERED BY MR. BARTON

At the appropriate place, insert the following new section (and conform the table of contents accordingly):

1 SEC. . QUALIFICATIONS FOR COMMUNITY MENTAL
2 HEALTH CENTERS.

3 (a) MEDICARE PROGRAM.—Section 1861(ff)(3)(B) of
4 the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395x(ff)(3)(B)) is
5 amended by striking “entity” and all that follows and in-
6 serting the following: “entity that—

7 “(i)(I) provides the mental health services de-
8 scribed in section 1913(c)(1) of the Public Health
9 Service Act; or

10 “(II) in the case of an entity operating in a
11 State that by law precludes the entity from pro-
12 viding itself a service described in such section, pro-
13 vides for such service by contract with an approved
14 organization or entity (as determined by the Sec-
15 retary);

16 “(ii) meets applicable licensing or certification
17 requirements for community mental health centers
18 in the State in which it is located; and

19 “(iii) meets such additional conditions as the
20 Secretary shall specify to ensure (I) the health and
21 safety of individuals being furnished such services,

1 (II) the effective and efficient furnishing of such
2 services, and (III) the compliance of such entity with
3 the criteria described in section 1931(c)(1) of the
4 Public Health Service Act.”.

5 (b) PROGRAM OF BLOCK GRANTS FOR COMMUNITY
6 MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES.—Section 1913(c)(1)(E) of
7 the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 300x–
8 3(c)(1)(E)) is amended to read as follows:

9 “(E) Determining the clinical appropriate-
10 ness of admissions to any inpatient psychiatric
11 hospitals by engaging a full-time mental health
12 professional who is licensed or certified to make
13 such a determination by the State involved.”.

14 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
15 this section apply with respect to community mental
16 health centers with respect to services furnished on or
17 after the first day of the third month beginning after the
18 date of the enactment of this Act.